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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on August 10, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: